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- Many 18 to 25-year-old men from Angermuende (N 54/Q 20) were drafted by the labor office for Volkspolizei (VP) service. The draftees included farm hands from the vicinity of Angermuende.
- Draftees have the alternative of working in the Aue (N 51/k 53) uranium mines or joining the VP. Those who chose police service were examined by a government physician and were then given an induction order and a railroad ticket to the training center.
- An Angermuende resident who was drafted for service with a Prenzlau (N 54/Q 04) VP unit said that a VP Bereitschaft of more than 1,000 men was quartered in the Prenzlau barracks.
- Ex-Major Mehlitz, (fnu), a former member of the National Committee Free Germany and now a VP lieutenant colonel, was commander of the Prenzlau VP post. His deputy is ex-Captain Reinke, (fnu), recipient of the Knight's Cross and former member of the National Committee Free Germany, and who also ranks as VP lieutenant colonel.
- The VP Bereitschaft is divided into four units, including an infantry unit, which is trained with model 98 K carbines, model 08 pistols, light machine guns, and light and medium mortars; an engineer unit now receiving training in the construction and demolition of bridges, and the laying, locating and disarming of mines; a motor transport unit now receiving instruction on the tank engines, other track-laying

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vehicles, and motor vehicles; and a medical unit composed of about 200 men undergoing training at ambulance stations. Two Soviet officers are assigned to each unit to supervise training but do not participate in the instruction.

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